

Dear Michigan Motorcyclist:

I am pleased to provide you with the latest edition of the Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual. The manual has a fresh, new look and contains the most up-to-date information in motorcycle safety and training, based on research advanced by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Statistics in Michigan show that the number of motorcycles is increasing, which means more people are discovering the joys of riding. I am pleased to announce that the Motorcycle Rider and Safety Education Program, which was moved from the Department of Education to the Department of State, will use the safety standards of the national Motorcycle Safety Foundation to provide more consistent and comprehensive training. Our program is expected to graduate nearly 10,000 motorcyclists from about 50 training sites across Michigan this year.

We want to make sure that all riders have the skills and proper licensing to be safe on the road. All motorcyclists should have a valid license with a motorcycle endorsement, never drink and drive and always obey traffic laws. As you travel Michigan, please remember to make motorcycle safety your first priority.

